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OAKHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR ENDING 31st. DECEMBER, 1943

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VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Rate for District</u>	<u>Rate for England & Wales</u>
Birth Rate	18.0	16.5
Death Rate	11.0	12.1
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births...	50.8	49.0

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. (1) Public Health Officers of the Authority

Medical Officer of Health - J. Young, M.B. Ch.B. D.P.H. Camb.

The Medical Officer acts for the Leicestershire & Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.

Sanitary Inspector - G. E. Wells, Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspector's Examination, Royal Sanitary Institute, Meat & Other Foods and Certificate General Hygiene.

The Sanitary Inspector is also the Surveyor of the Rural District.

(11) Laboratory Facilities

The following examinations from your area were carried out during the year:-

Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Leicester:-

Faeces	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66
Throat Swabs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	59
Blood	22
Sputum	4
Urine	7
Vaginal Swab	2
Nasal "	2
Cough Plate	1
Pus	1
Serum	4
Milk	5

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. (1) WATER

Number of samples taken for analysis:-

(a)	from wells	...	...	...	...	...	18
(b)	from pipe supply	...	...	...	...	...	33

Results from samples taken:-

(a)	from wells -						
	Satisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	6
	Unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	12
(b)	from pipe supply -						
	Satisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	22
	Unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	11

Number of wells:-

(a)	closed	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b)	cleansed, repaired, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	8

Number of cases in which piped supply was substituted for well water 2

Number of Parishes with piped water supply:-

(a)	from public mains	...	...	...	5
(b)	from private reservoirs	...	...	...	9

Number of Parishes without a piped water supply.. 14

Samples taken from the Council's water undertakings have proved quite satisfactory, but cleaning out of private wells has again been necessary in some cases to ensure a wholesome supply.

(11) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Number of cesspools constructed during the year... 2
 Number of cesspools abolished during year 1
 Total number on 31st. December, 1943 332

(a) Sewerage

Small repairs to existing sewers in Langham, Market Overton and other villages were carried out as necessary during the course of 1943.

(b) Sewage disposal:-

Periodical attention to minor defects at the various works has been given when occasion demanded.

2.(1) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Total number in the District at the end of 1943:-

Privies	...	...	...	...	...	...	48
Pail Closets	...	...	...	...	1..	...	1518
Water Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	301

Number of closets converted to the water carriage system during the year:-

Privies	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Pails	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

Number of privies converted to pail closets during the year 1

(11) PUBLIC CLEANSING

Nine of the villages in the District - Cottosmore, Exton, Empingham, Langham, Market Overton, Greetham, Tickencote Manton and Whitwell are now provided with a weekly scavenging of refuse carried out by the Contractors on behalf of the Council. A partial removal is provided for Ashwell, Barrow and Whissendine.

The first-named nine villages are provided with a weekly scavenging system of night soil carried out by contractors on behalf of the Council. Cesspools at Empingham are emptied by contract.

During the year by arrangement with the Women's V luntary Service and other local bodies, some 39 tons, 4 cwt. of waste paper, cardboard, rags and bones, were salvaged and disposed of for the sum of £228 :13 : 6.

(iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this Heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report:-

Total number of complaints received	51
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered	96

Sanitary inspection in this District during 1943 was seriously impeded by lack of petrol, the amounts allowed by the Divisional Petroleum Officer being totally inadequate

Nature of Inspections:-

	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Re-Visits</u>
Dwelling houses	283	321
Tents, Vans, etc.	4	4
Slaughter Houses	11	-
Dairies and cowsheds	88	61
Offensive trades	-	-
Animal Keeping	32	28
Workshops, etc.	17	25
Shops	10	16
Other premises	285	813
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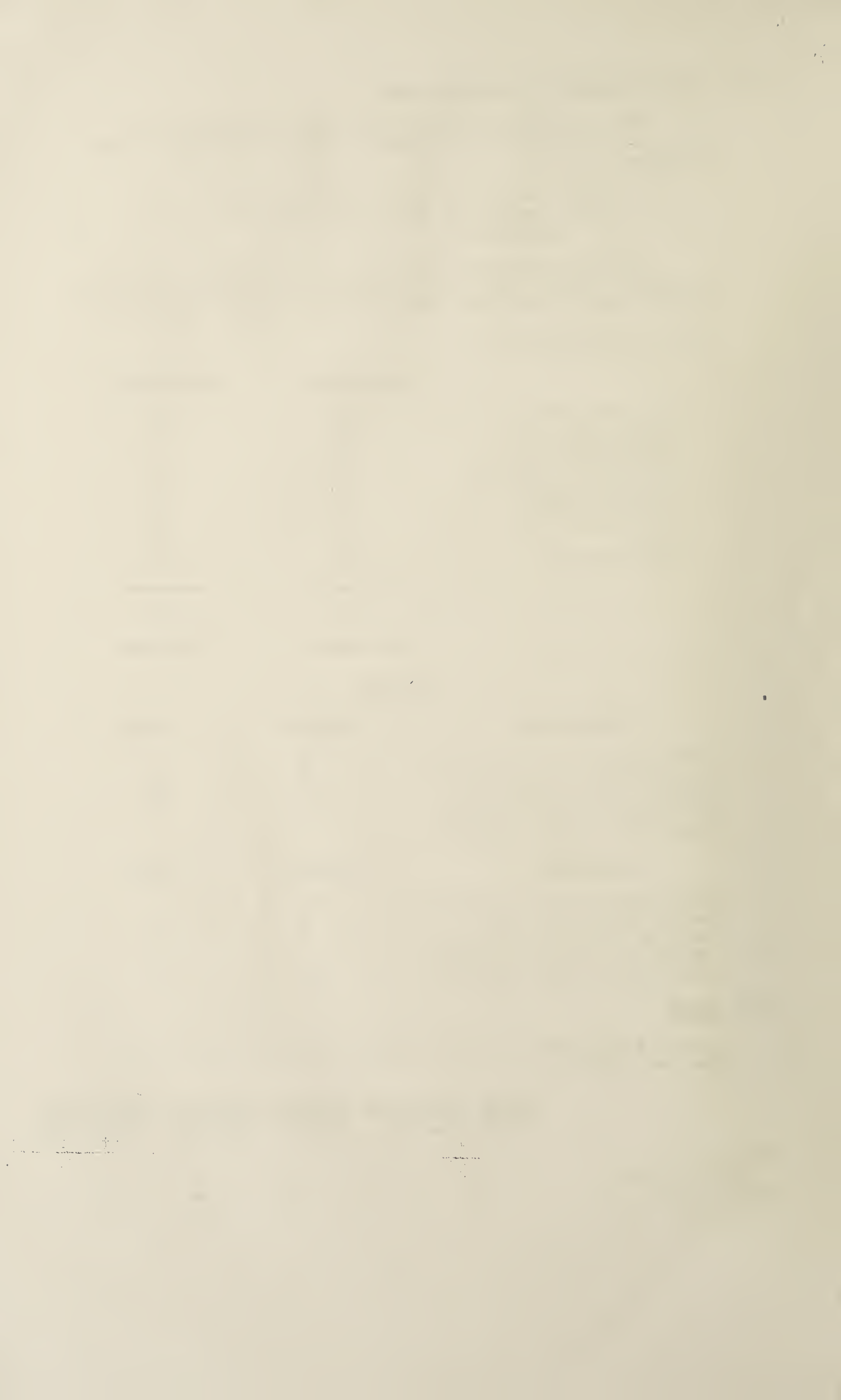
NOTICES

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding on 1st. January	6	-
Issued during the year	67	29
Complied with during year	65	23
Statutory action necessary	2	5
Outstanding 31st. December	8	1
 <u>Statutory</u>	 <u>Housing</u>	 <u>Other</u>
Outstanding on 1st. January	25	-
Issued during the year	2	5
Complied with during year	5	5
Statutory action necessary	2	5
Outstanding 31st. December	22	-

(iv) SHOPS

Action taken during the year under the provisions of the Shop Act, 1934 :-

	<u>Outstanding from previous year</u>	<u>Defects found</u>	<u>Defects remedied</u>	<u>Outstanding 31st. Dec.</u>
Sanitary	-	-	-	-
Conveniences	-	4	4	-
Temperature	-	-	-	-
Ventilation	-	-	-	-



(v) CAMPING SITES

Number of sites in area used for camping purposes during the year	2
Number of camping sites for which licenses have been issued	-
Estimated maximum number of campers resident in the area during summer months	8

(vi) REG ULATED BUILDINGS

	<u>Number in District</u>	<u>Number of inspections</u>	<u>Action taken</u>	<u>General Conditions</u>
Tents, Vans				
Sheds, etc.	4	4	Removed	Satisfactory

The removal of vans situated in the Parishes of Exton and Cottesmore was effected during the course of the year without resort to legal proceedings,

H O U S I N G

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:-


(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts)...	283
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	604
(2) (a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 ...	12
(3)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation...	-
(4)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	67

2. RENDER OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers...	60
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3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:-

(a)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice:-	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice:-	
(a)	by owners	2
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	5
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:-	
(a)	Owners	5



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(c) Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 1

4. HOUSING ACT, PART IV - OVERCROWDING

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year 3
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein... .. 4
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein 17
(b) Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year -
(c) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year 1
Number of persons concerned in such cases... .. 5

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) MILK SUPPLY Cowkeepers Dairymen or Purveyors of milk(other than Cowkeepers)

Number on Register 152 5
Number of inspections of premises 149 17
Number of contraventions outstanding from previous year... .. 2 -
Number of contraventions found during the year..... 20 1
Number of contraventions remedied during the year..... 17 1
Number of contraventions outstanding 31st. December ... 3 -

Total Contraventions

	<u>Outstanding from previous year</u>	<u>Bound during year</u>	<u>Remedied during Year</u>	<u>Outstanding 31st. Dec</u>
Cleansing		6	6	-
Structural alterations	2	15	14	3
Utensils	-	1	1	-
Other	-	-	-	-

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Private Slaughter Houses:

	<u>In Jan, 1943</u>	<u>In Dec, 1943</u>
Number registered	-	-
Number licensed	11	11 +

+ Under War time regulations slaughtering for this area is now carried out at Melton Mowbray.

Number of visits to premises other than at times of slaughter 11

MEATS SHOPS, MEAT STORES, ETC

12 inspections were made

PLACES WHERE FOOD OTHER THAN MEAT IS KEPT OR PREPARED FOR SALE

14 inspections were made.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER
DISEASES

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever	10	10	-
Whooping Cough	22	-	-
Erysipelas	2	-	-
Measles	116	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	1	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	-
Dysentery	5	-	-
Pneumonia	12	-	3
Paratyphoid	1	1	-

AGE GROUPS

Disease	Under one	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 & over
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	2	1	3	2	1	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	4	2	3	1	2	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Measles	4	15	18	11	7	43	8	2	6	1	1	-
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	1	1	1	-	3	-	-	1	-	4	1
Paratyphoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

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New Cases and Mortality During 1943

Age Group	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary M	Pulmonary F	Non-pulmonary M	Non-pulmonary F	Pulmonary M	Pulmonary F	Non-pulmonary M	Non-pulmonary F
5-15	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
15-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-35	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-45	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-65	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-

The following cases of infectious diseases were also notified by the Army and R.A.F. Authorities in the District:-

<u>Disease</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Total</u>
Scarlet Fever	1	21	
	1	23	2
Diphtheria	1	22	1
Measles	1	20	
	1	21	
	1	22	
	1	26	4

<u>Disease</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malaria	1	24	
	1	30	2
Jaundice	1	26	1
Chicken Pox	1	20	1
Pneumonia	1	20	
	1	21	
	1	28	
	1	33	
	1	35	
	1	49	6
Tuberculosis	1	20 P.F.	
	1	21 P.F.	
	1	23 P.M.	
	1	23 N.P. F.	
	1	29 P.M.	5

S C A B I E S

Arrangements have been made with the Joint Committee of the Melton & Belvoir Rural District Council and the Melton Mowbray Urban District Council for the treatment of cases of Scabies in the area at the Scabies Centre, Melton Mowbray. During the Year, 1943, 5 cases received treatment.

OAKHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL - WATER SUPPLY, 1943

Water supply in the Oakham Rural District is derived from both publicly and privately owned water-undertakings and wells and as can be seen from the enclosed table is generally satisfactory for present requirements with the exception of the village of Barrow Edith Weston, Whissendine, Cottesmore and Langham. The Oakham Water Company has statutory rights of supply in the last-named village and in other Parishes adjoining the town of Oakham, which have only been exercised to a limited degree, and in the case of Manton, these rights have been waived to allow the Council to provide a supply for the village.

The most urgent requirement for a piped water supply is at Barrow, where, during the course of the year, the Ministry of Health has sanctioned expenditure to extend the main from Market Overton to provide a sufficiency supply for the village. The shortage has arisen through cuttings by local Ironstone Companies practically sealing off the present supply obtained from shallow wells, already condemned as unsatisfactory for drinking purposes. Main-laying was commenced at the close of 1943, and it is anticipated that the new supply will be available for use early in 1944.

At Edith Weston, where the present supply from shallow wells is both insufficient and unsatisfactory, a Scheme for the provision of a new supply from Empingham has already been drawn up and the main laid from the Waterworks at Empingham to a point within the boundaries of the Parish of Edith Weston, but owing to war conditions, further action had had to be suspended.

Acute shortage has been experienced during the latter half of 1943 at Whissendine, and unless adequate steps are taken to augment the existing Council supply, the trouble will no doubt recur. The shortage which has already been noted in previous years (particularly in 1938 and 1942) became more marked in 1943 owing to the presence of numerous leaks in the original water connections and fittings, and also through the large demands for water made by the Agricultural Hostel recently erected in the village. Advice on methods to overcome the shortage has been sought by the Council, and it is to be hoped that speedy steps will be taken to remedy the deficiency.

During the latter part of 1943, the private water supply at Hambleton Hall, which serves various premises in the parish, suddenly failed, but was remedied by the execution of alterations to the pumping installation and has since given no further trouble.

Signs of shortage became apparent during the year in the Parishes of Langham and Cottesmore, where the existing arrangements of supply are hardly sufficient. In the case of Langham, the Oakham Water Company has never exercised its statutory rights of supply.

Constant supply is maintained in the water undertakings in the District, with the exception of Whissendine during the second half of 1943, where intermittent periods of supply had to be adopted to conserve the small amount of water available. Waters throughout the area are of the hard variety and no cases of plumbo-solvency has ever been noted or reported.

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WATER SUPPLY, 1943

Parish	No. of houses in Parish	No. of Houses with piped supply	Approx. No. served by stand-pipe	Sources of Supply	Remarks
ASHWELL	74	3	Nil	Wells and Oakham Water Company	Generally sufficient
BARLEYTHORPE	39	26	Nil	Private water supply & wells	Generally sufficient.
BARROW	22	Nil	Nil	Shallow wells	Most insufficient and unsatisfactory
BRAUSNTON	103	25	Nil	Wells and Oakham Water Company	Generally sufficient
BROOKE	21	Nil	Nil	Wells	Generally sufficient
BURLEY	56	1	Nil	Wells	Generally sufficient
COTTESMORE	117	9	20	Private water supply	Shortage experienced during dry periods
EDITH WESTON	70	Nil	Nil	Shallow wells	Insufficient and unsatisfactory
EGLETON	31	Nil	Nil	Wells	Generally sufficient
EMPINGHAM	195	65	120	Council supply and wells	Generally sufficient
EXTON	166	34	130	Private water supply	Generally sufficient
GREETHAM	151	Nil	145	Council supply and wells	Scheme requires extension
GUNTHORPE	6	6	Nil	Private water supply	Generally sufficient
HAMBLETON	56	12	6	Private water supplies & Wells	Generally sufficient Trouble recently wi bores.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No. of Houses in Parish</u>	<u>No. of houses with piped supply</u>	<u>Approx. No. served by stand-pipe</u>	<u>Sources of Supply</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
HORN	7	6	Nil	Private supply & Wells	Generally Sufficient
LANGHAM	215	32	Nil	-do-	Not wholly sufficient or satisfactory
LEIGHFIELD	8	Nil	Nil	Wells	Generally satisfactory
LYNDON	33	6	Nil	Private supply	System requires modernisation
MANTON	90	29	60	Council supply & wells	Additional means of pumping required
MARKET OVERTON	100	31	65	-do-	Generally sufficient
MARTINSTHORPE	1	Nil	Nil	Well	-do-
NORMANTON	13	7	4	Private supply & wells	-do-
STRETTON	42	20	Nil	-do-	Shortage experienced during dry periods
TEIGH	24	Nil	Nil	Wells	Generally sufficient
THISTLETON	23	40	12	Private supply & wells	-do-
TICKENCOTE	27	Nil	Nil	Wells	-do-
WHISSENDINE	196	53	135	Council supply & wells	Shortage experienced during dry periods
WHITWELL	25	1	24	Private supply & wells	System requires modernisation

